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GCW NL Brief:

For the October meeting we had about 30 members in attendance. The theme for this meeting was the Fall/October Project Challenge. The challenge was to create a toy(s) that could be donated to the GCW Toys for Tots effort. We had a total of 9 members sharing projects and woodworking tips in the Show and Tell segment.

For the November meeting be sure to review the "meeting Topics" section. This will be our ever popular Round Table Night so come and exchange ideas and knowledge with fellow woodworkers.

A special thanks goes out to Homer Rail for filling in and taking pictures in this reporter's absence.

Fall/October Project Challenge:



The October GCW Project Challenge theme was to create a toy or toys that could be included in the December Toys for Tots program. As before, there were to be 2 challenge participation categories. Category 1 was to be a Show and Tell and participants would be entered into a raffle for a \$25 prize. Category 2 required a \$5 entrance fee to be added to the \$25 prize pot.

In all, we only had 5 members participate in this October's project challenge. All entries were for category 1. They included airplanes, alphabet train, noise toy, and crayon boats. Participants were: John Roberts, Rich Schwerin, Tim Bynon, Dale Gamble, and Homer Rail. Rich Schwerin won the \$25 raffle. Rich's entry was a modified crayon-holder from the 2x4 challenge project. He added wheels to convert it to a "mobile" version (a car). Dale entered the little two tone airplane, John Roberts entered 5 airplanes, Tim Bynon entered the ABC train and Homer Rail entered a rolling noise maker.

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Woodcraft Club Day Event Report:



Woodcraft Supply invited GCW along with other area clubs to participate in their club day Saturday Sept. 29th. Ron Sexton headed up our club's participation. We had a slide show showing our member's craftsmanship on display, plus business cards and club flyers available at our booth.

Ron's Report: Harvey Myers and I manned the booth for most of the day. The event went well albeit it was very crowded in the store. There was a constant flow of shoppers in the store most of the day and we talked to and handed out brochures and club cards to a number of people.



I brought my model truck & trailer and a work in progress excavator to show at our booth. In addition I entered my Victorian shelf unit and Black Acacia spice cabinet into the Woodcraft Supply project competition. There were 15 entries in all. As it turns out I won 1st place with the spice cabinet.



I plan to give a report to the club along with showing some pictures at our next meeting. Homer Rail and Mark Butzler came down to give a show of support for the club and to give Harvey and me a lunch break. We may get a new member or 2 but not real hopeful. We did talk to a few people from the Placerville area. So to sum it all up I think the club was well represented.



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Announcements and News:

- 1) **It's Dues Time:** September was the start of the 2018-2019 Gold Country Woodcrafters fiscal year. If you have not yet paid your dues, you can pay at the November's meeting or you can mail them in. The mailing address can be found at the end of this newsletter.
- 2) **Memory Boxes Needed:** A number of our members have responded to the call to make Keaton Memorial Memory boxes. For anyone that would like to help out in this very worthwhile effort and need plans and design information, please contact Ron Sexton at hcwpvl@directcon.net.
- 3) **Annual club picnic:** This year's GCW October 6th GCW picnic was enjoyed by about 35. It was a very pleasant afternoon with burgers, hot dogs and lots of conversation.
- 4) **Annual Toy for Tots Effort:** Time for our members to get cracking on making toys. We seem to be getting off to a slow start. If you need ideas or parts be sure to contact Dale Gamble as he has tons of stuff including "wheels"! If you need more information, Dale's number is 530-363-3297, email: rndgamble@comcast.net The address is 6702 Mistletoe Ct. in El Dorado.

5) Meeting Topics:

November 13th --- The plan is to have a Round Table night. The Round Table activity will be for members to break up into focus groups to discuss woodworking related topics. The club had this event last November and it turned out to be very informative and great fun for our members. Any topic people would like to gather together is possible. For starters, these tables will be set up with samples to get things going: LATHES: chucks, turning tools, setting diameters, techniques. DETAILING/Model size tools: Dremel drill press, Unimat, miniature routers. MAKERS: manual drafting tools, 3D cad, mini CNC mill, 3D printing. CASEWORK: Layout, using a story-stick, clamping, assembly.

December 11th --- The plan for this meeting is to show a number of woodworking related videos. This always prompts lively and informative discussions amongst our members so be sure to put this meeting on your calendar.

Members that would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentation please contact Tim Bynon steamglidertim@yahoo.com. Remember this is your club and the more club members participate in sharing knowledge, the more proficient we all become at our common interest, woodworking.

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Show and Tell (9 entries):

Jim Hunt



Jim brought in his latest turnings to share with the members. It is obvious that Jim has segmented turning mastered as one turning was a segmented salad bowl with Beech, Walnut, Paduk and Wenge woods. It featured a matching segmented lid. One key observation was that paduk mellows out into a walnut color over time. Basil Borkert suggested that a finish with an inhibitor that would help prevent that. Jim was not sure if anything like that is avail in food grade. The other turning is a natural

edge vase turned from a dead, Spalted Oak branch salvaged from the wood pile. The key was to find a piece where the bark would stay intact while turning.

Ed Woodards



Our Intarsia master, Ed Woodards, showed our members another fine Intarsia piece he recently completed. This one of a palm tree and birds required approximately 70 pieces. The woods used included basswood, oak, redwood, mahogany, etc. He started it in August and finished it just before the October meeting. This one is a birthday gift for his daughter.

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Homer Rail



Homer brought in a pair of candle sticks featuring some unique geometric designs. The primary woods are cherry and walnut.

Craig Milliron



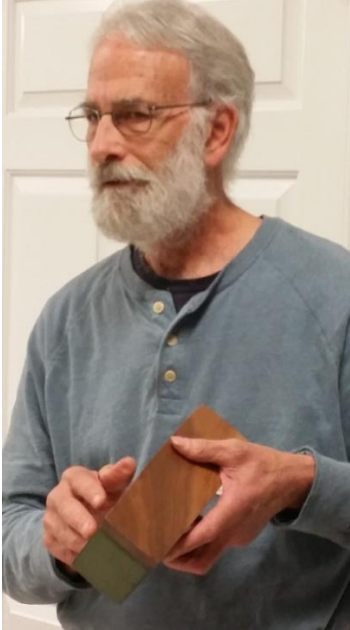
Thimbles anyone. If we're not mistaken, Craig has made thimbles before. It has been some time though. The tool shown in the upper right picture is used to create the finger hole.

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Victor Larson (newest member)



Victor brought in a number of bandsaw boxes to share with our members and gave a brief description of the procedures he followed to make them.

These boxes were inspired by accomplished woodworker/instructor Michael Cullen. Each box is made from a single block of wood.

All cuts are done using the bandsaw, allowing him to shape and create on the fly.

The steps he followed: 1) Slice off a piece to be the top. 2) Set the saw at a slight angle and slice off the two opposite sides with the tapers toward the inside. 3) Slice the two ends the same leaving a center core with all sides tapered. 4) From

the core slice a thin piece of the top to be glued to the bottom of the top. This will register top to box. 5) Slice a piece from bottom of core to be bottom of box. 6) Glue all together and you have a basic box. 7) Now shape the outside. 8) Carve and paint to ones creative whims.

Here is a link to a YouTube video by Michael Cullen demonstrating making bandsaw boxes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MSOcU6VrgY>

Sam Garcia



Sam continues to impress fellow members with his woodworking capabilities. He showed the members a number of pens he recently completed. The wood he used for all of them was Cocobolo. For the finish he used was a friction polish.

He created the pens as part of a school project. He has an agriculture class and a class assignment was to do something AG related on your own. His idea for this assignment was to do an entrepreneurship and his teacher agreed that this was a good good choice. He is selling the pens for \$15 each and did sell a few at the meeting. Great job Sam, looks like an "A" to me..

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Tony White



Tony brought in some of his fine turnings. I believe he displayed them at the Woodcraft event also.

Sorry, I was not able to obtain detail information on Tony's turnings.

Bob Prichard



Imagination gone wild or just needed a "Banana Hanger"? We have seen a number of whimsical projects from Bob but this one beats them all, I think. The hatchet, believe it or not, is made entirely of wood. I wonder if Bob used his CNC to do the hatchet job. Could not resist that one Bob, sorry.

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Rich Schwerin



Rich showed a project inspired by his wife. It is a wall hanging. The addition of the wood plank adds a nice organic contrast to the camping scene don't you think?

Businesses that support GCW:

Be sure to stop by Pro Builder Placerville, The Paint Spot*, Churchill Hardware Cameron Park*, Woodcraft Supply Sacramento and the Rockler Woodworking* store in Rocklin. Please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciates their support. ***Note those marked with * give GCW members discounts.***

Membership Dues:

For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2018-2019 year by mail here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Steve Cabrol 3000 Builders Place, Rescue, CA. 95672. ***Please note on the envelope ATT: Gold Country Woodcrafters.***

Notice to members:

If your contact information has changed since joining please let the club know. Just send any changes you may have to the email address used to send out the newsletter. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Gold Country Woodcrafters Meeting Place:

GCW meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified and are at the Park Community Church meeting hall, 3901 Wild Chaparral Dr. Shingle Springs, Ca. exit 37 off highway 50. A map is provided on the home page of the GCW website.

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Saw and Planer blade sharpening:

For members that need some blades sharpened GCW member Ken Welsh can handle the job. Just give him a call.

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Regards and happy woodcrafting.

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